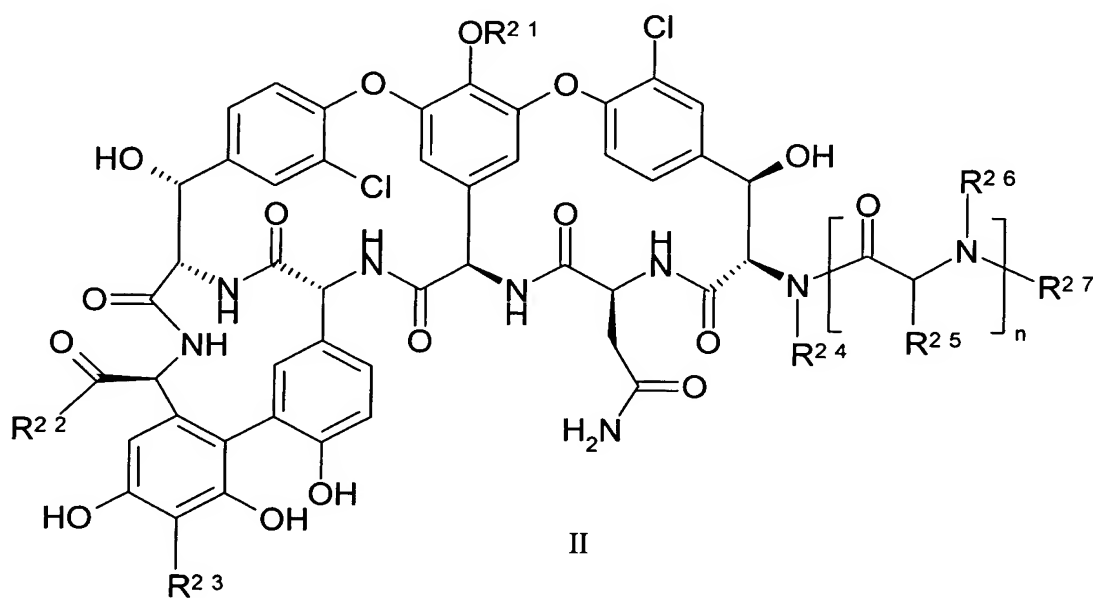


In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 1-71 without prejudice or disclaimer.

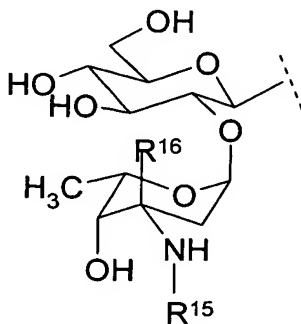
Please add Claims 72-81 as follows:

--72. (Newly Added) A compound of formula II:



wherein

R^{21} is a group of the formula:



and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, stereoisomers and prodrugs thereof.

73. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R¹⁶ is methyl.
74. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R²⁶ is methyl.
75. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R²⁷ is hydrogen.
76. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^a is -CH₂CH₂-.
77. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^b and Z form an *n*-octyl, *n*-nonyl, *n*-decyl, *n*-undecyl or *n*-dodecyl group.
78. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^b and Z form an *n*-decyl group.

79. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R¹⁵ is
-CH₂CH₂-NH-(CH₂)₁₀-H.

80. (Newly Added) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of any
of Claims 72-79 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

81. (Newly Added) A method of inhibiting the growth of bacteria in a mammal
infected with or exposed to bacteria, the method comprising administering to the mammal a
composition according to Claim 80 for a time and under conditions effective to inhibit growth
of bacteria.--